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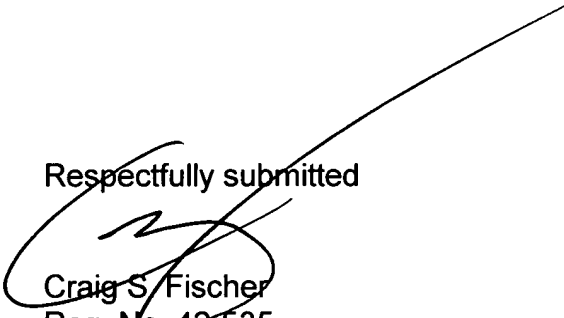
applicant reserves the right to challenge any such conclusion.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and the manual of Patent Examining Procedures, section 609 and 707.05. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

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